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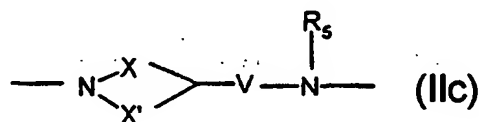
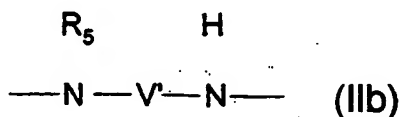
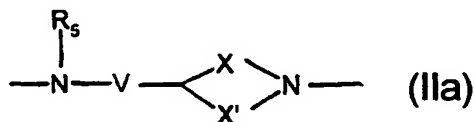
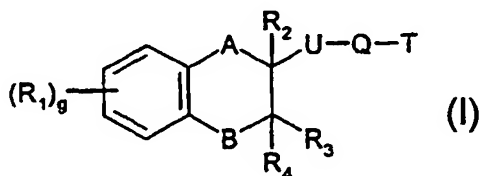
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(57) Abstract: Compounds of formula (I) and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof in which A is methylene or -O-; B is methylene or -O-; and g is 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4; R₁ represents, halo, optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted alkoxy, optionally substituted alkylthio, hydroxy, acyloxy, hydroxymethyl, cyano, alkan-yl, alkoxycarbonyl, optionally N-substituted carbamoyl, carbamoylmethyl, sulphamoyl or sulphamoylmethyl, an amino group optionally substituted by one or two alkyl groups, or two adjacent R₁ groups together with the carbon atoms to which they are attached form a fused benz ring; R₂ is H, alkyl or alkoxy; R₃ and R₄, which are the same or different, are H, or alkyl; U is an alkylene chain optionally substituted by one or more alkyl; Q represents a divalent group of formula (IIa, IIb or IIc) in which V is a bond or an alkylene chain optionally substituted by one or more alkyl; V' is an alkylene chain optionally substituted by one or more alkyl; X is a bond or an alkylene chain and X' is an alkylene chain, provided that the total number of carbon atoms in X and X' amounts to 3 or 4; R₅ is H, or alkyl; and T represents an optionally substituted aromatic group which optionally contains one or more N atoms, provided that T is not 2-pyrimidinyl when A is -O-; have utility in reducing cravings to food or an addictive substance.

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